

Belgian carpet manufacturer migrates to Oracle and Unix with Anubex

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Lano Carpets, a leading Belgian carpet manufacturer, went live with its fully migrated system at the end of May 2004.

Lano Carpets decided to move its core business application from a Wang VS system to a modern environment, when faced with the increasing risk of the discontinuation of the existing system. Since ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) or tailor-made solutions would involve a huge investment, significant changes in the business process, and re-training of users, Lano Carpets was intrigued by the solution offered by Anubex. With the promise of an acceptable investment, no loss of functionality, and full user acceptance, Anubex was asked to perform a pilot project to prove the stability of its migration tool.

The pilot, a small business unit (consisting of 150 programs), was reviewed and implemented within 2 months. The pilot ran for several months before the main business unit was migrated.

Lano Carpet's original application, which supported their core business and related processes, operated on a Wang VS. It consisted of over 2,700 programs, containing approximately 2,000,000 lines of COBOL code, and 300 database tables. All sources were converted, using the Anubex migration tools, however the assembler routines had to be rewritten. The migration, testing, and implementation of the full application on an IBM UNIX system and an Oracle 9i database, took 9 months.

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The transition to a live environment happened during a weekend. Some minor modifications had to be made during the first weeks, for which the Anubex team was available on-site or remotely. The migrated solution now offers a stable and user-friendly solution. "Anubex succeeded in providing us a fully migrated solution, performing according to our needs", says F&A Director Karel Lagast. "It was done within the predefined timeframe, without business interruption or surprises."

About Lano

Lano Carpets is a manufacturer of tufted and woven floor coverings. The tufted floor coverings consist of a comprehensive range of carpets, carpet tiles, and synthetic grass for sports and leisure. The woven floor coverings consist of a range of rugs and woven broadloom carpets.

Lano's current structure dates back to 1970 when three companies, with over 100 years of textile experience among them, joined forces to form one dynamic company. Thanks to a strategy of targeted industrial investment, technical innovation, and appropriate product development, Lano has since expanded to become a company of truly European dimensions.

Lano's workforce currently totals some 700 employees.

More information on Lano can be found on their website at www.lano.be.

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